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Generalized Three-Dimensional Simulation of Ferruled Coupled-Cavity Traveling-Wave-Tube Dispersion and Impedance Characteristics

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## Summary

The frequency-phase dispersion and Pierce on-axis interaction impedance of a ferruled coupled-cavity traveling-wave-tube (TWT) slow-wave circuit were calculated using the three-dimensional simulation code Micro-SOS. The utilization of the code to reduce costly and time-consuming experimental cold tests is demonstrated by the accuracy achieved in calculating these parameters. A generalized input file was developed so that ferruled coupled-cavity TWT slow-wave circuits of arbitrary dimensions could be easily modeled. The practicality of the generalized input file was tested by applying it to the ferruled coupled-cavity slow-wave circuit of the Hughes Aircraft Company model 961HA TWT and by comparing the results with experimental results.

### Introduction

Micro-SOS is a three-dimensional electromagnetic circuit analysis code developed by Mission Research Corporation (MRC) in collaboration with Varian Associates as part of a project sponsored by the Department of Defense (DOD) and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to develop computer software for microwave tube design (refs. 1 to 3). Micro-SOS is a version of a larger code, SOS (self-optimized sector), which includes the simulation of charged-particle trajectories. A frequency-domain solver was added to SOS and the particle-handling ability was deleted to form Micro-SOS. The finite-difference code is written in FORTRAN 77 and can be operated in either a time-domain algorithm in which Maxwell's time-dependent equations are solved or in a frequency-domain algorithm in which the resonant mode frequencies and field patterns are obtained. The results described in this report were obtained entirely from simulations using the frequency-domain algorithm of Micro-SOS.

The objectives of the code development were to provide an electromagnetic circuit modeling/analysis capability that was better, faster, and cheaper than that previously available and to provide a means of obtaining more information about the radiofrequency (RF) fields in a circuit than is normally possible through experimental hardware "cold testing." Hardware cold tests refer to evaluating circuit models (actual or scaled) on the RF test bench with no electron beam present.

The cold tests are used to determine the RF phase shift, interaction impedance, and attenuation for a cavity. These data can then be used as input for a coupled-cavity TWT RF-beam-interaction computer model (ref. 4) which simulates the output RF power and beam characteristics.

Using Micro-SOS instead of experimental cold testing to obtain these data has several advantages: significant conservation of labor, time, and cost; efficient exploration of novel circuit structure designs; determination of higher frequency mode information which avoids expensive experimental tests to determine potential RF instabilities in a given circuit (ref. 5).

The practicality and efficiency of the frequency-domain algorithm of Micro-SOS were demonstrated by simulating the frequency-phase dispersion and Pierce on-axis interaction impedance characteristics for a ferruled coupled-cavity slow-wave circuit. The Micro-SOS results obtained for both the dispersion and impedance characteristics are compared in this report to experimental cold-test results. The facility of using the generalized Micro-SOS input file for ferruled coupled-cavity TWT circuits is also shown. By simply replacing the existing dimensions with the dimensions of the circuit of interest, dispersion curves and the Pierce on-axis interaction impedance characteristics can be readily determined for any ferruled coupled-cavity TWT circuit.

## **Symbols**

 $a_n,b_n,E_n$  on-axis axial electric field harmonic magnitude, V/m

$E_{ztot}$	total on-axis axial electric field, V/m
f	frequency, GHz
g	ferrule gap, m
h	cavity gap, m
$K_n$	Pierce on-axis interaction impedance, $\Omega$
L	cavity length, m
N	number of cavities in simulation
n	space harmonic order

P	period of Eztot, m
$P_{RF}$	RF power flow, J/s
$r_1$	ferrule inner radius, m
$r_2$	ferrule outer radius, m
<i>r</i> <sub>3</sub>	slot inner radius, m
$r_4$	slot outer radius, m
<i>r</i> <sub>5</sub>	cavity radius, m
t	cavity wall thickness, m
$v_g$	group velocity, m/s
W	electromagnetic energy per unit length, J/m
$W_T$	total electromagnetic energy, J
z	axial coordinate, m
β	axial phase constant, rad/m
θ	slot arc, deg
φ	phase shift per cavity for fundamental harmonic, rad
ω	angular frequency, rad

the beam hole, concentrate the RF electric field in the beam region to increase the interaction impedance of the cavity. The corresponding dimensions of a single cavity of the 961HA TWT are listed in table I. The circuit implements 169 cavities over 3 sections with a mild two-stage velocity taper in the output section (ref. 6).

#### TABLE I.—DIMENSIONS OF 961HA FERRULED COUPLED-CAVITY TRAVELING-WAVE-TUBE CIRCUIT

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Ferrule radius, 10 <sup>-3</sup> m
Inner, $r_1$
Outer, $r_2$
Slot radius, 10 <sup>-3</sup> m
Inner, $r_3$
Outer r <sub>4</sub>
Cavity radius, r <sub>s</sub> , 10 <sup>-3</sup> m1.1049
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Gap, 10 <sup>-3</sup> m
Ferrule, g0.2921
Cavity, h
Wall thickness, $t$ , $10^{-3}$ m 0.2159
Cavity length, $L$ , $10^{-3}$ m $0.9677$
Slot arc, $\theta$ , deg140

# **Background**

Micro-SOS was used to model the ferruled coupled-cavity slow-wave circuit of the Hughes Aircraft Company 961HA TWT currently under development (ref. 6). The 961HA, a 59- to 64-GHz TWT for intersatellite communications, was designed to have an overall efficiency exceeding 40 percent over the 5-GHz bandwidth for dual-saturated RF output power levels of 30 and 75 W. The design is a revision of the earlier model, the 961H (ref. 7), which had a slot-mode oscillation problem caused by the interaction of the electron beam with the slot mode at the upper cutoff frequency. When the dimensions of the coupling slot in the 961HA were adjusted to shift the slot mode down in frequency, this problem was resolved (ref. 7).

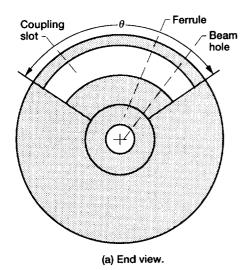
Two views of the generalized ferruled coupled-cavity circuit are shown schematically in figures 1(a) and (b). The coupling slots are rotated 180° at alternating cavity partition walls. The ferrules, which are the hollow posts surrounding

# **Analysis**

#### **Dispersion Simulation**

The frequency-phase dispersion characteristics of the ferruled coupled-cavity slow-wave circuit were obtained by modeling one- to four-cavity configurations of the structure. The frequency algorithm of Micro-SOS calculated the resonant frequencies for different values of phase shift per cavity to form an accurate dispersion curve. The different eigenmodes are forced by axially truncating the different cavity configurations with either an electric wall (simulated by using the STRUCTURE command) or a magnetic wall (simulated by using the SYMMETRY MIRROR command). An electric wall is a boundary that simulates a perfect conductor with the electric field perpendicular to the wall. At a magnetic wall boundary condition, the tangential magnetic field is zero and the magnetic field is perpendicular to the wall.

Truncating the longitudinal ends of the circuit with these boundary conditions corresponds to simulating standing waves with an integral number of half-wavelengths (phase



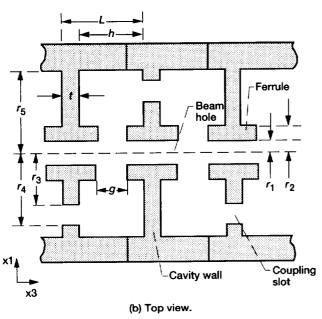


Figure 1.—Generalized ferruled coupled-cavity, traveling wave tube (TWT) circuit.

shifts of  $\pi$ ) in the length of the circuit. The cavity configurations and boundary conditions required for obtaining several resonant frequencies for the first forward RF space harmonic of the cavity mode and the first backward RF space harmonic of the slot mode using Micro-SOS are listed in table II (ref. 3). For each combination of cavity configuration and boundary conditions, the phase shifts per cavity for the resulting resonance frequencies are listed in the order of increasing frequency, with the slot-mode phase shifts enclosed in parentheses.

The total cavity-mode axial on-axis electric field  $E_{ztot}$  is shown in figure 2 for each of the phase shifts per cavity listed in table II. The plots are extended over 12 cavities in order to show the full periodic nature of each case. The locations of the boundaries in the Micro-SOS simulations are shown by the

TABLE II.—BOUNDARY CONDITIONS FOR RESONANCE AT VARIOUS PHASE SHIFTS PER CAVITY

Number of cavities	Boundary conditions <sup>a</sup>	Phase shift per cavity, $^{b}$ $\beta L$ , rad
1	ММ	$\pi$ $(2\pi, \pi)$
1	ME	3π/2 (3π/2)
1	EE	2π
2	ME	5π/4, 7π/4 (7π/4, 5π/4)
2	EE	3π/2, 2π
3	ME	$7\pi / 6$ , $3\pi / 2$ , $11\pi / 6$ ( $11\pi / 6$ , $3\pi / 2$ , $7\pi / 6$ )
3	EE	4π/3, 5π/3, 2π (5π/3, 4π/3)
4	EE	5 \( \pi 4, 3 \( \pi 2, 7 \( \pi 4, 2 \pi \) \( (7 \pi 4, 3 \pi / 2, 5 \pi / 4) \)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Magnetic wall, M; electric wall, E.

vertical truncation lines in figure 2, with electric and magnetic walls indicated by solid and dashed lines, respectively.

Because of the relatively small coupling slot size in this coupled-cavity circuit, the slot mode (which is technically a separate passband in the same mode as the cavity-mode passband) is at a higher frequency than the cavity mode (refs. 5 and 8). The axial electric field distribution near the axis is similar to that of the cavity mode at the same value of phase shift per cavity, except at  $2\pi$  where the axial electric field is zero at the axis. The slot mode is characterized by a strong radial component of the electric field in some or all of the coupling slots.

A generalized input file was developed so that the resonant frequencies could be determined for any ferruled coupled-cavity TWT slow-wave circuit. As listed in the appendix, the file simulates four cavities with two electric walls. However, the file can be easily modified to simulate one, two, or three cavities with any of the three boundary condition combinations. The number of cavities modeled N is defined by the user in the CAVITY NUMBER section of the appendix; the boundary conditions can be adjusted by editing the SYMMETRY section.

In the generalized input file listed in the appendix, the grid is defined with the X1GRID, X2GRID, and X3GRID commands which refer to the radial, azimuthal, and axial directions, respectively. To model general ferruled coupled-cavity circuits in addition to that of the model 961HA TWT of this report, DEFINE commands are used frequently throughout the input file of the appendix. By exercising the DEFINE

bSlot-mode phase shifts are in parentheses.

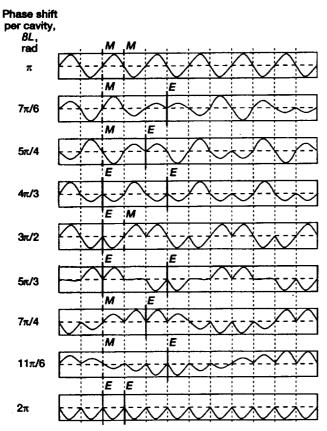
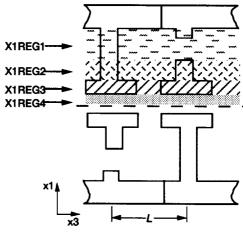


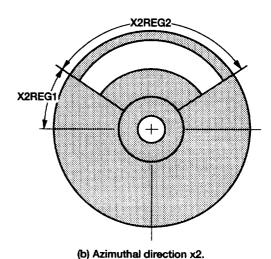
Figure 2.—Total axial on-axis electric field over 12 cavities with indicated boundary conditions (magnetic wall, M; electric wall, E).

command option, it is possible to specify the entire input file in terms of variable names. The CONVERT command used in the PARAMETER section of the appendix converts the dimensions of the cavity from inches to meters and simultaneously assigns that dimension to a variable name. If the user wishes to enter the dimensions originally in meters, the CONVERT commands can be replaced with DEFINE commands (ref. 2).

This generalized input file allows the user some freedom to experiment with various dimensions by changing the parameter dimensions in the PARAMETER section. It also allows experimentation with the grid spacings. Serving as a guide for the GRID SPACING section, figures 3(a) to (c) show views of one cavity of the ferruled coupled-cavity structure with the x1-, x2-, and x3-directions divided into regions. In this section, one can select a grid spacing for each of these regions. The file gives default values which have been proven to provide accurate results for the slow-wave circuit of the 961HA TWT.



(a) Radial direction x1.



X3REG1 - X3REG2 - X3REG3

Figure 3.—Generalized ferruled coupled-cavity TWT circuit simulation segments.

#### Impedance Simulation

For each value of phase shift per cavity on the dispersion curve, the Pierce on-axis interaction impedance for the  $n^{th}$  RF space harmonic (ref. 9) is defined as

$$K_n = \frac{E_n^2}{2\beta_n^2 P_{RF}} \tag{1}$$

where  $E_n$  is the on-axis electric field magnitude of the  $n^{th}$  harmonic,  $\beta_n$  is the axial phase constant of the  $n^{th}$  harmonic defined by

$$\beta_n = \frac{\phi + 2\pi n}{I} \tag{2}$$

where  $\phi$  is the phase shift per cavity in radians of the fundamental harmonic, n is the space harmonic order, L is the length of one cavity, and  $P_{RF}$  is the RF power flow defined by

$$P_{RF} = W \nu_{\rho} \tag{3}$$

where  $v_g$  is the group velocity, and W is the stored electromagnetic energy per unit length,

$$W = \frac{W_T}{NL} \tag{4}$$

with the total energy  $W_T$  calculated with Micro-SOS in the number of cavities simulated N. Thus, the Pierce on-axis interaction impedance can be expressed as

$$K_n = \frac{E_n^2 N L}{2\beta_n^2 W_T v_g} \tag{5}$$

In the typical ferruled coupled-cavity TWT circuit, the beam is synchronous only with the first RF space harmonic. Thus, we need to calculate only the first (n = 1) harmonic term in equation (5). To determine its magnitude  $E_1$ , a Fourier analysis is performed on the total on-axis axial electric field  $E_{ztot}$ , which is tabulated at the center of each grid space along the axis in the z-direction by using the LINPRINT command.

In the analysis, the total axial electric field on the axis can be represented in terms of a Fourier series,

$$E_{ztot} = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} a_n \cos(\beta_n z) + b_n \sin(\beta_n z)$$
 (6)

with

$$a_n = \frac{2}{P} \int_{-\frac{P}{2}}^{\frac{P}{2}} E_{ztot} \cos(\beta_n z) dz$$
 (7)

and

$$b_n = \frac{2}{P} \int_{-\frac{P}{2}}^{\frac{P}{2}} E_{ztot} \sin(\beta_n z) dz$$
 (8)

where P is the period of  $E_{ztot}$ . By defining z=0 at a boundary,  $E_{ztot}$  will always be either an even or an odd function with respect to z. If z=0 at an electric wall,  $E_{ztot}$  is an even function with  $b_n=0$ , and the magnitude of the first harmonic is obtained from equation (7):

$$E_1 = \frac{4}{P} \int_{0}^{\frac{P}{2}} E_{ztot} \cos(\beta_1 z) dz$$
 (9)

If z = 0 at a magnetic wall,  $E_{ztot}$  is an odd function with  $a_n = 0$ , and the magnitude of the first harmonic is obtained from equation (8):

$$E_1 = \frac{4}{P} \int_0^{\frac{P}{2}} E_{ztot} \sin(\beta_1 z) dz$$
 (10)

The group velocity of equation (5) is defined as

$$v_g = \frac{d\omega}{d\beta_1} \tag{11}$$

and is extracted from the dispersion curve which is plotted with frequency f (in gigahertz given by Micro-SOS) versus  $\beta L$  (in radians). Using these parameters,  $v_g$  can be expressed as

$$v_g = 2\pi L \frac{df}{d(\beta_1 L)} \tag{12}$$

Finally, to obtain  $W_T$  for equation (5), the BALANCE command is used to control the Micro-SOS energy calculation. The OBSERVE command is then used to record the specified variables during simulation. By specifying ENERGY and TOTAL in the OBSERVE command and designating the entire volume of the structure, the total electromagnetic energy  $W_T$  is obtained.

#### **Results**

The ferruled coupled-cavity slow-wave circuit of the model 961HA TWT was modeled in both the Cartesian and cylindrical coordinate systems. The results from these simulations were then compared with experimental results.

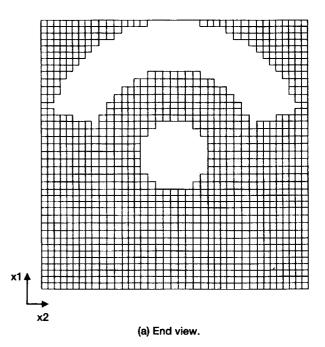
#### **Dispersion Simulations**

The Cartesian model was developed first. The Aug89SOS version of Micro-SOS (refs.1 to 3) was used to generate a grid cell resolution of 39 by 39 in the transverse plane and 13 per cavity in the longitudinal direction. Figures 4(a) and (b), which were generated by Micro-SOS, show the grid only in the conductor regions. The lines of the mesh were spaced as equally as possible and grid boundaries were matched with major geometrical features such as the beam hole and ferrules. The resonant frequencies obtained by modeling one and two cavities are compared with experimental data for the cavity mode in figure 5 and in table III.

TABLE III.—CAVITY-MODE RESONANT FREQUENCIES FOR 961HA USING CARTESIAN COORDINATES

Phase shift per cavity, $\beta L$ , rad	Experimental frequency,  f, GHz	Micro-SOS frequency, f, GHz	Frequency difference $\Delta f$ , percent
π		52.53	
5π/4	55.88	54.67	-2.17
3π/2	61.38	60.35	-1.68
7π/4	69.87	68.30	-2.25
2π	75.47	74.48	-1.31

In comparison with data provided by the manufacturer (H.C. Limburg, 1992, Hughes Aircraft Co., Torrance, CA, personal communication), the Micro-SOS results using the Cartesian model were consistently lower by an average of 1.85 percent. Increasing the resolution of the grid resulted in only a slight reduction of the difference at the cost of increased computation time. It should be noted that in reference 3 the calculated resonance frequencies were reported to be consistently lower than the experimental results by about 4 percent for a similar ferruled coupled-cavity TWT.



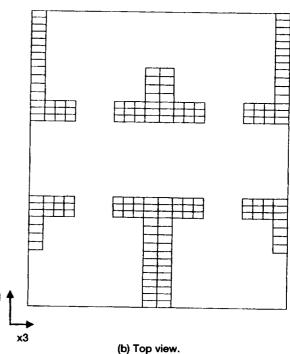


Figure 4.—Micro-SOS grid for 961HA ferruled coupled-cavity TWT circuit over two cavities.

To determine if more accurate results could be obtained, the ferruled coupled-cavity slow-wave circuit was also modeled in cylindrical coordinates with a grid resolution of 13 by 18 by 13 per cavity in the radial, azimuthal, and axial directions, respectively. Again, the grid lines were spaced as equally as possible while the grid boundaries were kept coincident with all surfaces.

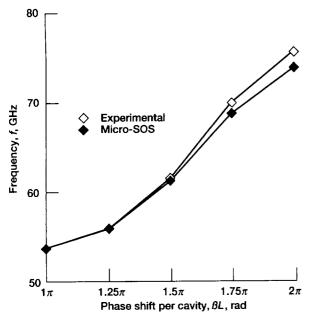


Figure 5.—Experimental and Micro-SOS Cartesian coordinate simulation of dispersion for cavity mode of 961HA TWT.

Results for the dispersion curve simulated with one-, two-, and three-cavity configurations in the cylindrical coordinate system are shown in figure 6 and are presented in tables IV and V for the cavity and slot modes. Compared with the experimental data, the cavity-mode results agree within 0.37 percent for the lower frequency resonances of the

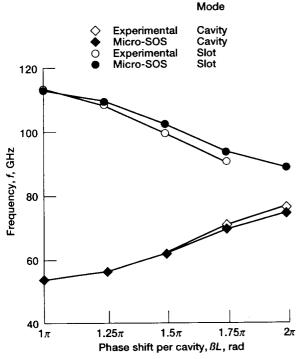


Figure 6.—Experimental and Micro-SOS cylindrical coordinate simulations of dispersion for cavity and slot modes of 961HA TWT.

#### TABLE IV.—CAVITY-MODE RESONANT FREQUENCIES FOR 961HA TRAVELING WAVE TUBE USING CYLINDRICAL COORDINATES

Phase shift per cavity, βL,	Experimental frequency, f,	Micro-SOS frequency,	Frequency difference $\Delta f$ ,			
rad	GHz	GHz	percent			
π		53.69				
7π/6	54.44	54.64	+0.37			
5π/4	55.88	55.74	25			
3π/2	61.38	61.18	33			
7π/4	69.87	68.59	-1.83			
11π/6	72.03	71.00	-1.43			
2π	75.47	73.68	-2.37			

TABLE V.—SLOT-MODE RESONANT FREQUENCIES FOR 961HA TRAVELING WAVE TUBE USING CYLINDRICAL COORDINATES

COORDINATES						
Phase shift per cavity, $\beta L$ , rad	Experimental frequency,  f, GHz	Micro-SOS frequency, f, GHz	Frequency difference $\Delta f$ , percent			
π 7π/6 5π/4 3π/2 7π/4 11π/6 2π	112.71 110.91 102.98 93.25 90.30	112.83 111.08 109.37 101.81 92.86 90.16 87.72	 -1.45 -1.39 -1.14 -0.42 -0.16			

dispersion curve, but for increasing frequencies, the differences increase significantly to -2.37 percent for a phase shift per cavity of  $2\pi$ . The Micro-SOS cylindrical results were significantly closer to the experimental results with an average absolute frequency difference of only 1.10 percent, compared to the Cartesian results with the average difference being 1.85 percent. Increasing the grid resolution did not significantly reduce the difference. The Micro-SOS results for the slot mode agree very well with the experimental data with an average absolute frequency difference of 0.91 percent.

#### Impedance Simulation

The Pierce on-axis interaction impedance for the first forward space harmonic was calculated from equation (5) using the Micro-SOS cylindrical model dispersion simulation results. The impedance results are shown in figure 7 and table VI. As shown, the impedance values match very well, especially for the lower values of phase shift, with an average absolute difference of 3.09 percent when compared with experimental cold-test results.

# TABLE VI.—PIERCE ON-AXIS INTERACTION IMPEDANCE

Phase shift per cavity, $\beta L$ , rad	Experimental impedance, $K_1$ , $\Omega$	Micro-SOS impedance, $K_1$ , $\Omega$	Impedance difference $\Delta K$ , percent
5π/4 4π/3 3π/2 5π/3 7π/4	23.85 14.56 7.09 4.26 3.53	23.83 14.62 7.32 4.59 3.67	-0.08 0.41 3.24 7.75 3.97

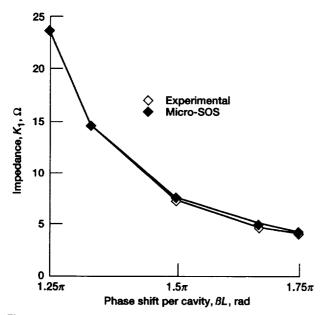


Figure 7.—Experimental and Micro-SOS cylindrical coordinate simulation of Pierce on-axis interaction impedance for 961 HA TWT.

### **Conclusions**

A generalized ferruled coupled-cavity traveling-wave-tube (TWT) circuit input file was developed for the three-dimensional electromagnetic circuit analysis code Micro-SOS. Arbitrary circuit geometries can be easily modeled by simply adjusting dimensions in the file. The use of the file for the accurate generation of the frequency-phase dispersion and Pierce on-axis interaction impedance characteristics was detailed.

The generalized input file was used to simulate the dispersion and impedance for a specific circuit, that of the 961HA coupled-activity TWT. The agreement with experiment was very good with an average absolute frequency difference of about 1 percent and an average absolute impedance difference of about 3 percent. These results demonstrate the reliability of Micro-SOS simulations and their capability to reduce expensive and time-consuming experimental procedures in the design process for coupled-cavity TWT's.

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# **APPENDIX**—Micro-SOS Input File

TITLE \* GENERALIZED INPUT FILE FOR A FERRULED COUPLED-CAVITY CIRCUIT IN CYLINDRICAL COORDINATES \* / SYSTEM CYLINDRICAL / C \* C PARAMETER SECTION....PARAMETER SECTION.... PARAMETER SECTION.... C \* COMMENT \* CONVERT AND DEFINE DIMENSIONS, DIMENSIONS LISTED ARE FOR THE HUGHES 961HA CIRCUIT \* COMMENT \* FERRULE INNER RADIUS = r1 \* / CONVERT RBEAMHOLE 0.0110 INCHES / COMMENT \* FERRULE OUTER RADIUS = r2 \* / 0.0170 INCHES / CONVERT RFERRULE COMMENT \* SLOT INNER RADIUS = r3 \* / 0.0270 INCHES / CONVERT RPATCH COMMENT \* SLOT OUTER RADIUS = r4 \* / CONVERT RSLOT 0.0435 INCHES / COMMENT \* CAVITY RADIUS = r5 \* / CONVERT RCAVITY 0.0435 INCHES / COMMENT \* FERRULE GAP = g \* / CONVERT FERRULESPACE 0.0115 INCHES / COMMENT \* CAVITY GAP = h \* / CONVERT CAVITYSPACE 0.0296 INCHES / COMMENT \* WALL THICKNESS = t \* / CONVERT WALLTHICK 0.0085 INCHES / COMMENT \* PERIOD LENGTH = L \* / CONVERT CAVITYLENGTH 0.0381 INCHES / COMMENT \* SLOT ARC = theta \* / DEFINE SLOTARC DEFINE PI 3.14159265359 / \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* C CAVITY NUMBER SECTION...CAVITY NUMBER SECTION...CAVITY NUMBER SECTION... COMMENT \* DEFINE THE NUMBER OF CAVITIES TO BE MODELED, N \* / C GRID SPACING SECTION....GRID SPACING SECTION....GRID SPACING SECTION.... COMMENT \* FOLLOW FIGURES 3a, b AND c FOR REGIONS \* / DEFINE X1REG1 4 / DEFINE X1REG2 3 / DEFINE X1REG3 2 / DEFINE X1REG4 4 /

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X3GRID FUNCTION X3TOTGRID 1 X3MIN X3REG1 X3SPACE1 X3DIM1
                               X3REG2 X3SPACE2 X3DIM2
                               X3REG3
                                      X3SPACE3 X3DIM3
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                               X3REG3 X3SPACE3 X3DIM3
X3REG2 X3SPACE2 X3DIM2
                               X3REG1 X3SPACE1 X3DIM1 /
C ******************************
C SYMMETRY SECTION....SYMMETRY SECTION....SYMMETRY SECTION....
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SYMMETRY AXIAL +1 1 1 1 X2TOTGRID 1 X3TOTGRID /
SYMMETRY PERIODIC +1 1 X1TOTGRID 1 1 1 X3TOTGRID
                ANTI-ALIGN 1 X1TOTGRID X2TOTGRID X2TOTGRID 1 X3TOTGRID /
COMMENT * SEE TABLE II. FOR BOUNDARY/CAVITY CONFIGURATIONS.
         2 SYMMETRY PLANES SIMULATE THE MM BOUNDARY CONDITION, COMMENTING OUT 1 SYMMETRY SIMULATES AN EM BOUNDARY CONDITION,
         COMMENTING OUT BOTH SYMMETRY PLANES SIMULATES AN EE BOUNDARY *
C SYMMETRY MIRROR ALIGN 1 X1TOTGRID 1 X2TOTGRID 1 1 C SYMMETRY MIRROR ANTI-ALIGN 1 X1TOTGRID 1 X2TOTGRID X3TOTGRID X3TOTGRID
C *********************************
STRUCTURE CONFORMAL SOLIDIFY +1 1 X1BLOCK 1 X2TOTGRID 0 X3BLOCK
                           -1 1 X1TOTGRID 1 X2TOTGRID 1 X3TOTGRID
STRUCTURE CONFORMAL CAVITY
DEFINE IFERRST X1REG4 1 ADD /
DEFINE IFERREN IFERRST X1REG3 ADD /
STRUCTURE CONFORMAL FERRULE +1 IFERRST IFERREN 1 X2TOTGRID 1 X3TOTGRID
C ***************************
C WALL SECTION...WALL SECTION...WALL SECTION...WALL SECTION...
C *****************************
COMMENT * FORM THE WALLS * /
DEFINE LEND X3REG1 1 ADD /
STRUCTURE CONFORMAL LWALL +1 IFERREN X1TOTGRID 1 X2TOTGRID 1 LEND
DEFINE RST X3TOTGRID X3REG1 MINUS /
STRUCTURE CONFORMAL RWALL +1 IFERREN X1TOTGRID 1 X2TOTGRID RST X3TOTGRID
DEFINE N1 N 1 MINUS /
COMMENT * FORM THE CENTER WALLS * /
DO K 1 N1 1 /
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DEFINE MIEND LEND X3PER K MULTIPLY ADD /
DEFINE MIST MIEND X3REG1 MINUS X3REG1 MINUS /
STRUCTURE CONFORMAL MWALLN +1 IFERREN X1TOTGRID 1 X2TOTGRID M1ST M1END
c \\ \\ \\ \\
C ********************************
C SLOT SECTION...SLOT SECTION...SLOT SECTION...
C ***********************
COMMENT * FORM THE SLOTS * /
DEFINE ISLOTST IFERREN X1REG2 PLUS /
DEFINE SLRST X2REG1 1 ADD /
DEFINE SLREND SLRST X2REG2 ADD /
DEFINE SLLST SLREND X2REG1 ADD X2REG1 ADD / DEFINE SLLEND SLLST X2REG2 ADD /
ENGRID X1 ISLOTEND RSLOT /
DEFINE ISLOTEND ISLOTEND 1 ADD /
STRUCTURE CONFORMAL SLOTET -1 ISLOTET ISLOTEND SLRST SLREND 1 LEND
DO K 1 N 2 /
DEFINE M1END LEND X3PER K MULTIPLY ADD /
DEFINE MIST MIEND X3REG1 MINUS X3REG1 MINUS /
STRUCTURE CONFORMAL SLOTRT -1 ISLOTST ISLOTEND SLLST SLLEND M1ST M1END
ENDDO /
DO K 2 N 2 /
DEFINE MIEND LEND X3PER K MULTIPLY ADD /
DEFINE MIST MIEND X3REG1 MINUS X3REG1 MINUS /
STRUCTURE CONFORMAL SLLT -1 ISLOTST ISLOTEND SLRST SLREND M1ST M1END
ENDDO /
COMMENT * FILL IN THE PORTION THE SLOT HOLLOWED OUT IN THE CONDUCTING WALL
      AT THE AXIAL END * /
STRUCTURE CONFORMAL SLPATCH +1 1 X1TOTGRID 1 X2TOTGRID X3TOTGRID X3BLOCK
C **********************************
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C *******************************
C GAP SECTION...GAP SECTION...GAP SECTION...GAP SECTION...
C ********************************
COMMENT * FORM THE GAP * /
DO K 0 N1 1 /
DEFINE GAP1ST X3REG1 X3REG2 ADD 1 ADD X3PER K MULTIPLY ADD /
DEFINE GAP1END GAP1ST X3REG3 ADD /
STRUCTURE CONFORMAL GAP1 -1 IFERRST IFERREN 1 X2TOTGRID GAP1ST GAP1END /
ENDDO /
C DIAGNOSTIC SECTION....DIAGNOSTIC SECTION....DIAGNOSTIC SECTION....
C **********************
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